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5. (Amended) Method for the production of reinforced hollow sections with a continuous periphery, comprising the steps of:  
forming an opening in said periphery,  
inserting a reinforcing plate into the opening, such that it at least projects into the hollow section; and

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wherein the dimensions of the reinforcing plate are designed in such a way that, when the reinforcing plate is inserted into the opening, it comes to rest against an opposite inner side of the hollow section, and, in addition to being joined to the edge of the opening, the reinforcing plate is also joined to said inner side,

wherein the reinforcing plate is designed as a U- or V- section, and a projection is stamped into the bottom of the section, said projection being the only part to make contact with the inner side of the hollow section when an section is inserted into the opening, and the contact on the inside is made by projection welding,

wherein the section is inserted by means of a punch surrounded by the sides of the section, the punch simultaneously forming a welding electrode for the projection welding.

6. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the reinforcing plate is

joined to the inner side of the hollow section in the form of a U- or V- section by

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